

# THE LACLEDE BLADE.

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## VAN VAMOSE

### Leaves Note For Wife to Take Care of Baby, Pray For Daddy

"Dear Sweetheart:

I am gone, never to see you again. Take good care of our boy and raise him as he should be, and pray for his daddy."

Thus read a scribbled note handed to Wm. Kraft at an early hour Tuesday morning by Mrs. W. A. P. VanHouse after she had telephoned him to meet her at the bakery.

She shed copious tears as she related how hubby had vanished during the night.

"Daddy" Kraft didn't shed any tears but as it dawned upon him what had actually taken place he saw nearly two hundred dollars fade away, just as you have seen the thief and his loot fade away in the movies. And as he rubbed his eyes and took another look at the "fade-out" he discovered the man was wearing a pair of brand new shoes taken from his stock next door, only a few hours before, his record of the transaction being a sales ticket, marked, "Chd."

The weeping woman's story of her grief ran something like this:

At about two o'clock that morning she had awakened her husband to get their two year old child a drink. He emphatically objected to being disturbed at that hour, saying that a man who worked all day should have a full night's rest. A quarrel ensued, but he finally got the child a drink, dressed himself and announced he was going to the bakery for the balance of the night. He did not return and after the 3:30 train had gone west on which Van no doubt left town, she went to the bakery and there found the note in the very place where he perhaps told her he would leave it.

But there are a dozen or more people in Laclede who can never be made to believe Van left town because he had to get the child a drink during the night. The facts seem to be that he fell in with the Laclede "tin horns," they steered him onto a game over at Brookfield and he had been for some time spending his nights and his money away from home and left town to defraud his creditors.

That the story of desertion was a frameup is evident from the fact that Van called his wife up and talked with her twice from Kansas City Tuesday afternoon.

Last July R. P. Richardson moved the bakery outfit here from Bucklin and opened up with VanHouse as manager and baker. It ran that way for a month or six weeks when Richardson sold the business to VanHouse on monthly payments. Van had no money but secured backing from some local merchants for the initial payment on the plant and for supplies. He turned out good stuff, the people were anxious for a bakery here, it being needed, and extended him every encouragement and more credit than could otherwise be expected. He had the entire trade of the town, no bread being shipped in at all. He

had every opportunity to make good but he turned out to be one of those fellows who could not be trusted with money that should go to others and launched out on the crooked road that always leads to disaster and shame.

There are two mortgages on the plant, one held by Mr. Richardson for the purchase money and the other by Mr. Kraft for money and supplies furnished, the latter being considered not worth the paper it is written on, as the outfit is somewhat antiquated and would not sell under the hammer for more than one-third the first mortgage.

Mrs. VanHouse seems disposed to do the right thing as far as she can having turned all the household furniture over to Mr. Kraft to apply on account, but there are a dozen of so other creditors who have no show of getting anything.

In the meantime Laclede has gone back to shipped in bread with the firm resolve that no more itinerant bakers need apply.

### Local and Personal

New goods arriving every day at the Rexall Store.

See the beautiful line of stationery at the Rexall Store.

Come in early and make your selection of holiday goods at the Rexall Store.

Am in the market for all kinds of furs. See me before selling. F. M. Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Moore ate Thanksgiving dinner with relatives in Meadville.

Miss Myrle Kranz was home from the teachers' college, Kirksville, for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mrs. Nina Alexander Marrow of Chicago Heights, Ill., was a Thanksgiving guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lomax.

Clifford Haley spent Thanksgiving at Cameron, attended the football game and visited Russell Welsh, a student at Missouri Wesleyan.

Mrs. Leonard Jones and three children returned to their home at Tina Sunday after a few days visit here with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Jones.

Miss Alta Nicholson of Brookfield spent Thanksgiving and the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Sam McDonnell and family on route one.

J. Noan Cotter and family of Novinger were here for Thanksgiving and a few days visit with his father, S. W. Cotter and Mrs. Cotter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Duckworth and little daughter of Hale spent Sunday and Monday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Duckworth.

Word comes from Horton, Kansas, that daughter number three was born to Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Bonds at their home there on Thanksgiving day.

Maitland Entertainers at the opera house this Friday evening. The ladies having the lyceum course in charge would regret to have you miss this first number.

Roy Parker went to Fairfield, Ill., Friday and brought in a car of geese for the Henderson Produce Company, unloading them at their feeding station at Monroe City.

## ON LOCAL SUBJECTS

### Local Items and Interesting Bits of News of All Sorts

V. E. Hogsett, of Sunny Slope Farm, the past week sold two male pigs from his herd of Sunny Slope Durocs, one sired by Stilt's Model, to E. S. Terwilliger, of Linneus; the other a fall pig, by Sunny Slope Sensation, was shipped to a customer at Atoka, Okla.

"Tarzan of the Apes," is the Saturday night program at the local theatre. Every man, woman and child will enjoy this wonderful photoplay, over two million having read the story. It is delightful daring and different from the usual moving pictures. Show starts promptly at 7:30.

Among the business transacted by the township board at a meeting held Friday was the appointment of J. L. Welsh as clerk and assessor to fill the unexpired term of his brother, the late C. B. Welsh. Mr. Welsh is well qualified for the place and the appointment is giving general satisfaction.

N. Byrne was at Albany, Mo., Wednesday of last week and got a car of geese for the Henderson Produce Company and left Friday to bring in two cars from Tennessee. The Henderson company now have twenty thousand geese on their farm near Monroe City. They are being fattened for eastern holiday market.

Mrs. A. E. Wise of Tarkio visited her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. T. Bassett and other relatives and old time friends here this week. Mr. and Mrs. Wise both grew up here but have resided at Tarkio for a number of years. While here Mrs. Wise called and subscribed for The Blade, still being interested in the old home town.

The L. C. N. club gave an oyster supper at the home of Miss Ellen and O. Y. Watson Thanksgiving night. A large number were present and the evening very pleasantly spent, music being furnished by some of the guests. After delicious oyster stews and trimmings were served the guests departed declaring Miss Ellen and Mr. Watson delightful hostess and host and complimenting them on their lovely modern home.

The first number of the lyceum course will be given at the opera house this Friday evening. If you haven't yet secured a season ticket better do so at once. There are three good numbers in the course and season tickets are only one dollar. The Maitland Entertainers, a trio of young men from the Redpath Bureau, fill this number with violin, marimbaphone and piano; vocal duets, vocal trios, pianologues and novelty sketches making a program of surprising merit.

### For Sale or Trade

One 22 h. p. motor engine in first class condition. F. M. Alexander.

### Methodist Episcopal Church

Edward R. Kelley, Pastor.

On last Sunday announcement was made that the pastor would bring a message to the young women and girls of the community and church on next Sunday evening. It is necessary to make a change in the announcement and defer the sermon until some future time. Proper notice will be given when the sermon will be preached.

The Mid-week service on Thursday evening. Don't forget the time and place. Meet with us tonight.

Immediately following the mid-week service this evening, the Sunday school board will meet. This is an important meeting. Let every member of the board be with us.

The choir will give a sacred musicale on the evening of December 18 and Mrs. Shell, the chorister, is very anxious that each member of the choir meet for practice regularly at the times appointed.

A representative of the Wicks Organ Co., was here one day this week, giving the organ a thoro overhauling, and tuning it. The improvement is quite noticeable.

### P. E. O. Meeting

P. E. O. Chapter R, met with Mrs. A. J. Caywood Wednesday evening. The program for the evening was "Thanksgiving" Response to roll call, "Thankfulness." Mrs. Caywood read a paper on "Thanksgiving, Its Origin, Past and Present," and Mrs. Rowland read a paper on "Thanksgiving Proclamations of the Presidents," for Mrs. Byrne who was absent. Refreshments were served. The next meeting will be December 14, with Mrs. Talbott, hostess.

### Henry-Carroll

Miss Anna Eileen Henry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Henry and formerly of Laclede was united in marriage with Mr. James Edward Carroll of Brookfield, the ceremony taking place at the Catholic rectory on Wednesday morning of last week. The groom is a railroad fireman and they will reside in Brookfield. The bride's many Laclede friends extend best wishes for a happy married life.

### Iowa Coal Coming

We have a car of Iowa coal on the way and it should be on track today. It is the best grade of Iowa coal and the price will be very attractive at the car. Phone in your order and get your bin filled from this car. Laclede Cooperative Company.

### And Christmas Week

draws nearer and nearer with its worries and cares of selecting gifts. Each week the demand on our studio becomes greater. Portraits are gifts which mean pride for the giver and delight and satisfaction for the recipient. The gift problem will not be a perplexing question for you if you visit our studio for a sitting before December 11.

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Brookfield, Mo.

### Preaching at Forker

Rev. F. P. Mussell will preach at the Forker church Saturday evening of this week, Sunday morning and evening to which services all are cordially invited.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

### Brief Mention of Those Who Come and Go During the Week

Go to the Rexall Store for Christmas bargains.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Talbott spent Thanksgiving with friends at Hale.

The Rexall Store is the place to buy your Christmas cards, tags and seals.

Loren Potter came home from the state university for the Thanksgiving vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Hall spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Hall's sister, Mrs. Anna Wyett of Bucklin.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Rowland spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Burke in Brookfield.

Mrs. Grace Havener of Kansas City came Friday for a visit with her brother, Judge Libby and family.

Miss Lillian Linn was here from Linneus and spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Linn.

Mrs. Irene Welsh came from Kansas City Thanksgiving for a visit with relatives and friends here, guest of Mrs. J. E. Welsh.

Miss Ruth Doak was home from the state university for Thanksgiving and spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Chris Eyman and family on route two.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Neal and daughter of Linneus, and J. T. Hamilton and daughter, Miss Edith, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hamilton at a Thanksgiving dinner.

Miss Catherine Moore, after attending the Missouri-Kansas grid game at Lawrence Thanksgiving day, spent the weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Moore, returning to the state university Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Sharp who have been living on a farm near Climax, Mich., since removing from here a number of years ago, write this week to have The Blade changed to their new address at Battle Creek, Mich.

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Whitehouse and children of King City, Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Siegle and children of Sumner, and L. W. Libby and family of route two, were Thanksgiving guests at the home of Judge and Mrs. O. F. Libby.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Ormsby and two children, and Mrs. Ormsby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hedrick, all of Chillicothe, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lisher of Brookfield, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Baum and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rowland were guests Thanksgiving day at the editor's home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Daniels and daughter, Myrtle, and Mr. and Mrs. Winnie Daniels and son, Earl, returned home Saturday from a motor trip to Excelsior Springs where they spent Thanksgiving with their daughter and sister, Mrs. P. C. Andrew and family and Miss Gladys Daniels of Kansas City who was also spending Thanksgiving at the Andrew home.